GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4406
ANSWERED ON:14.12.2016
Subsidised Postal Articles
Azad Shri Kirti (JHA)

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is seized of the massive losses in carrying out mandatory services/products such as "Inland Letters" and "Post Cards", tariffs of which are highly subsidized;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware that "Post Cards" are being grossly misused for commercial activities;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government plans to discontinue subsidy on delivering newspapers/posts at Re. 1/- When their own charges have increased manifold; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the manner in which the Government plan to cover the losses suffered on this count?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b) Madam, Department of Posts, being a Government Department does not prepare profit and loss statement, and therefore service-wise loss, as such is not available.

However, the Department has incurred certain revenue deficit in the past few years and has been making continuous efforts to curb the deficit by increasing revenue receipts and controlling expenditure/ spending. The details of revenue, expenditure and deficit figures for the past three years are as follows;-
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Year Revenue Expenditure Deficit
2013-14 10730.42 16203.52 5473.10
2014-15 11635.98 17894.58 6258.60
2015-16 12939.79 18946.97 6007.18
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As may be seen, there has been a reduction of 4.02% in the deficit of 2015-16 in comparison to 2014-15.

(c) No incident of gross misuse of 'Post cards' for commercial activities has come to the notice of the department, so far.

(d) Does not apply in view of reply to Â© above.

(e) The Department at the moment has no plan to increase the rate for newspaper delivery.

(f) As has been submitted at reply to Para (a) above, the department of Posts has been making continuous efforts to bring down its revenue deficit and as a result of these efforts the deficit in 2015-16 has come down by 4.02% in comparison to the deficit of 2014-15.